MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Senter District Baptist Association,

Convened with the Bear Creek Church,

Ashe County, N. C.,

The 24th and 25th days of September, 1858.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1858.

1st. Elder TARLTON WOODY, preached the introductory sermon, from Isaiah, 54th chapter and 13th verse: "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord," &c.

2nd. Received letters from all the churches, and minuted the account.

3rd. The Association was organized by appointing Elder NATHANIEL M. SENTER, *Moderator*, and JOHN REVES, *Clerk*.

4th. Invited correspondents from sister Associations, when the following came forward with letters and minutes, viz: From the Three Fork, Elders J. A. Farthing and D. C. Harman. From the Lewis Fork, Elder A W. Vannoy. From the Washington, Elder E. C. Hopkins and br. James Cole. From the Mountain, Elder William Lunday. All were kindly received and the hand of fellowship given them, and seated and aided us in council.

5th. Invited transient preachers of our faith and order: When Elder James McNeil, from the Lewis Fork, and J. A. Hagerman from the Three Fork Associations, accepted and seated with us.

6th. Appointed John Ray, Newell Stuart, and Andrew McMillan, a committee to appoint corresponding messengers to the sister Associations who report thus: To the Mountain, Elders T. Woody and N. M. Senter. To the Washington, Elders R. Jones and N. M. Senter To the Three Fork, Elders R. Kilby, N. Phillips and A. Powers. To the Roaring River, Elders Lowry Grimsley, R. Jones and br. John Adams. And the corresponding brethren appointed to write corresponding letters for inspection by to-morrow.

7th. Appointed Wm. Cox, Alexander Elrod, and P. Roberts, with the delegates from this church, a committee to arrange the preaching during this session. They report for to-morrow: 1st, J. A. Farthing; 2nd, A. W Vannoy; 3rd, E. C. Hopkins; 4th, Wm. Lundy.

8th. Appointed a Committee of Arrangement, viz: J. H. Vannoy, A. McMillan, A. Elrod, R. Kilby, and R. Jones, with the Moderator and Clerk, and invited correspondents to sit with them.

9th. Adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder R. Jones.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1858.

The Association met according to adjournment. After prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to business.

1st. Read the report of the Committee of Arrangement, which was received, and the Committee discharged.

2nd Called for corresponding messengers: when Elders Tobias Long and John Owens, from the Roaring River Association, came forward with a letter and minutes, and were gladly received, and the hand of fellowship given them, seated, and aided us in council.

3rd. Invited transient preachers to seats with us: Elders Wm. H. Phillips and James Parson accepted and seated with us.

4th. Called the names of Delegates.

5th. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

6th. Appointed Andrew McMillan, Newell Stuart, and Alexander Elrod, a Committee of Finance, who report that they have received in contribution from the churches $24 00; left in the hands of the Treasurer, $8 00; distributed to corresponding messengers, $13 00; allowed the Clerk for his services $3 00; and the committee discharged.

7th. Called for the letters to sister Associations to be read, when those appointed to the Mountain and Roaring River Associations, were read and accepted; and those to the Washington and Three Fork had not prepared their letters, and were excused, and authorized to write letters and assign the Moderator's and Clerk's names.

8th. Called on the corresponding brethren who were appointed to sister Associations last year, who reported and were discharged.

9th. Called on brethren who were appointed last year to attend Union Meetings, who reported and were discharged

10th. Took up the request from the Grassy Creek Church, in the following words: Dear Brethren: There is a growing evil in our land, that we request you to consider and adopt some means whereby it may be remedied; there are some members of the churches that are making and selling spirits, and spoiling the youths of our country, and bringing disgrace on the cause of religion.

11th. In answer to the request from the Grassy Creek church we, as an advisory council, advise our churches that if any member or members use too much ardent spirits, after the first admonition, should be expelled without sending for them. Also, if any member should make or buy spirits, and allow a drunken crowd to drink at their house or still-house, so as to constitute a disorderly house, we advise our churches to exclude them.

12th. Received the report of the committee that was appointed to meet in convention with the committee from the Mountain Association, that was appointed last year, and received the plan or platform by the 4th clause, reading: That the school shall be governed by the regular Baptist of our faith and order. And discharged the committee.

13th. Appointed Elders J. H. Vannoy and R. Kilby to attend a Union Meeting with the South Fork church, commencing Friday before the 4th Saturday in June, 1859; and Elders R. Jones and N. M. Senter to attend with the North Fork church, commencing Friday before the 2nd Saturday in July, 1859.

14th. Took into consideration the minutes, and our correspondence with the Lewis Fork Association, and dropt correspondence with her for the present.

15th. Appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and to superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he have 500 copies struck and distribute them as usual.

16th. Appointed the next Association to sit with the Silas Creek church, Ashe County N. C., 10 miles North of Jefferson, commencing Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1859. Elder L. Grimsley appointed to preach the introductory sermon; and Elder N. M. Senter, his alternate.

17th. The committee appointed to arrange the ministry, report for Sabbath, as follows: 1st, D. C. Harman; 2nd, T. Long; 3d, J. Owens; 4th, N. M. Senter.

18th. *Resolved*, That we thank the Lord for the kindness shown to us during our session.

19th. After admonition by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder J. Owens, adjourned to time and place.

N. M. SENTER, *Moderator.*

JOHN REVES, *Clerk.*

FAITH OF A HEROINE.

On the 19th of August, 1858, I was sent for to visit a sick lady by the name of MARY ARNEL. She desired to hear me preach, and I endeavored to do so. I then asked her how her situation was concerning death. She replied, that she felt that the Lord had pardoned her sins. I went home. On the 21st she sent for me again. When I went, she requested me to baptize her. She said she wanted to follow Jesus what few hours she had to live in this world, if I would wait on her as much as to baptize her. I then opened a door for Silas Creek church, and she told a christian experience, and was received. Her situation was very low, with the dropsy, so that she could not stand on her feet. She was swelled to such a size that she filled a large arm chair into which she had been placed. While I was making preparation to baptize her, some persons tried to persuade her not to be baptized; for if she did, she would never draw another breath in this world. But she would not believe them. They then tried to persuaded her, if nothing else would do, but to be put under the water, that her face be left out of the water, or that it be covered with a handkerchief. But she would not agree to be baptized in any other way than to be dipped all over in the water

Then I took her in the chair, by the aid of brethren A. Powers, N. Stuart, and J. Thompson, and baptized her in the creek, by immersion. When she was brought up out of the water, she had a smile on her face, rejoicing and praising God. She then requested to be set down on the bank of the creek, among the people, and said, "Now I have done what the Lord has commanded me to do. And now I am ready to go, I feel better than I have felt in a month." She exhorted the people to prepare for death.

She had a very wicked husband;—she bid him farewell, exhorting him to prepare to meet her and his child in heaven.

She left the world on the 25th day of the month, leaving a husband and three small children.

R. JONES.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	CO'TY.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	Saturdays.	Ord. Preach.	Licentiates.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized,	Rec. by Let.	Restored	Dis by Lett.	Excluded.	Deceased	Total,	Contributions. $	c.
Cranberry,	Ashe,	Laurel Spring,	T. Woody,	3	1		T. Woody, Wm. Cox, Jno. Reves,		1	2	1		2	140	3	30
Old Fields,	"	Gap Creek,	J. Faw,	4	2		J. Faw, N. Phillips, P. Hartzog,	2		1	5	1		41	1	55
Horse Creek,	"			1			Solomon Perry, John Poe,	1	2	1	2		1	59	2	00
New River,	"	Helton,	R. Jones,	1			E. Barker, J. Eller,	11		1	2			38	1	50
North Fork,	"	Jefferson,	Vannoy & Jones	2			S. Ham, J. Ham, Wm. Weaver,	6					2	48	1	50
Big Helton,	"	Helton,	Kilby & Powers,	3	2		R. Kilby, A. Powers, J. Thompson,	17	2	1	2	6	2	93	2	00
Silas Creek,	"	"	R. Jones,	4	1		R. Jones, N. Stuart, P. Roberts,	1					1	45	1	50
Bear Creek,	"	South Fork,		1		1	David Houk, J. L. Miller, J. Oliver	1			2	1	3	55	1	00
South Fork,	"	Chesnut Hill,	L. Grimsley,	4	1		James Gambill, David Stirgill,	3			1	3	1	58	1	80
Grassy Creek,	"	Weaver's Ford,		2		1	B. M. Weaver, Wm. B. Smith,		2			2		35	1	30
Senter,	"	Nathan's Creek	N. M. Senter,	2	2		N. M. Senter, J. Koons, A. McMillan,		1			2		78	3	00
Beaver Creek,	"	Beaver Creek,	J. H. Vannoy,	3	1	2	J. H. Vannoy, John Ray, A. Elrod,	3		1		2		58	2	50
Bethlehem,	"	Jefferson,		1		1	J. Adams, N. B. Ballow,	2	1					13	1	00
								37	9	7	15	17	12	631	23	95

MINUTES

OF THE

SENTER DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Held with North Fork Church, Ashe County, North Carolina, on the 13th and 14th days of Sept. 1861.

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1. Elder N. M. Senter preached the Introductory Sermon from St. John the 10th chap. and 27th verse: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

2. After a short intermission, the delegates assembled at the Meeting House, and were brought to order by singing and prayer.

3. Received letters and delegates from all the Churches in our bounds but one, and minuted the following table.

1. Organized the Association by appointing Elder N. M. Senter, Moderator, and brother John Reves Clerk.

2. Called for Corresponding Messengers, when the following brethren accepted the invitation, came forward with a pack of their minutes, to wit: From Three Fork Association, Elders James Parsons and William Wilcoxen; from the Roaring River Association, Elders William Hall and Joshua Long; from the Mountain Association, Elder Geo. Douglas; from the Washington Association, a letter and a parcel of minutes, but no Messenger. The brethren all received the hand of fellowship, took seats with us, and aided us in council.

3. Appointed James Gaither, Alexander Elrod and Ed. Barker, with the delegates of the Church, a committee to arrange the ministry during our meeting, who reports for Saturday, 1, Elders William Wilcoxen; 2d, William Hall; 3d, George Douglas; 4th, Joshua Long.

4th. Appointed brethren A. McMillan, P. Roberts, and Esquire Yates, a committee to appoint corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, who reported thus: to the Mountain Association, Elders N. M. Senter, L. Grimsley, and bro. A. McMillan; to Roaring River, Elders R. Jones, and J. H. Vannoy; to Three Fork, Elders R. Kilby, and A. Powers; to the Washington, Elder N. [illegible] and brother Pryor Rober's.

5th. Appointed brethren to write Corresponding Letters to sister Associations, and have them ready for inspection by to-morrow: N. Weaver to Roaring River; A. McMillan to the Mountain; P. Roberts to Three Fork; and N. M. Senter to Washington.

6th. Appointed A. McMillan, J. H. Vannoy, L. Grimsley, A. Elrod, R. Jones, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee of arrangements, and invited corresponding brethren to sit with them.

7th. Prayer by Elder J. Long, and adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14, 1861.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

1st. Called the roll of Delegates.

2nd. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

3d. Called on the committee of arrangements to report. The report was received and the committee discharged.

4th. Appointed A. McMillan, N. Weaver and Pryor Roberts a committee of Finance, and that they call on Treasurer, who made the followidg report:

Received in contributions from the Churches, $20.00; from Treasurer 50 cents; left in the hands of Clerk $8.00: allowed the Clerk for service, $3.00; distributed to Corresponding Messengers $9.50; received the report and discharged the committee.

5th. Called on Corresponding Messengers who were appointed last year to sister Associations, to report. The report was received and the brethren discharged.

6th. Called on laboring brethren who were appointed to attend union meetings, to report. The report was received and the brethren discharged.

7th. Appointed union meetings, to wit: One with the South Fork Church, Ashe county, N. C., commencing Friday before the 4th Saturday in June next, and Elders J. H. Vannoy, R. Jones, with a request that Elder J. Long from the Roaring River, and George Douglas, from the Mountain Association, attend one with the Old Field Church, Ashe county, N. C, commencing Friday before the 4th Saturday in July, and that Elder R. Kilby, J. Koons, and N. M. Senter attend.

8th. Called on the brethren that were appointed to write corresponding letters to sister Associations, to read them, which was done, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, and the brethren discharged.

9th. *Resolved* by the Association, That we advise all our Churches that have heretofore granted letters of dismission, or may hereafter grant letters of dismission to members of the Church, who have heretofore or may hereafter apply for letters of dismission, and obtain the same, and shall remain in the country six months without putting the same in some Church of our faith and order, the letter will be considered a dead letter.

10th. The committee appointed to arrange the ministry, reports for Sabbath thus: 1. Wm. Hall; 2. Wm. Wilcoxen; 3. Joshua Long; 4. George Douglas.

11th. Appointed the Clerk and Treasurer to superintend the printing of the minutes, and that they have 500 copies printed and distributed as usual.

12th. Set apart the first Thursday in November next as a day for fasting, humiliation and prayer by the Churches in the bounds of this Association to Almighty God for a continuance of his blessings, and request all the brethren to meet at their respective Church Houses on the occasion, and invite all christian people to unite with us.

13th. Appointed the next Association to be held with New River Church, Ashe county, N. C., ten miles North of Jefferson, to commence on Friday before the third Sunday in September next, Elder Jacob Koons appointed to preach the introductory sermon; Elder R. Kilby his alternate, and the alternate to preach the 2d sermon on Friday of the Association.

14th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity, for their kindness during our meeting.

15th. After admonition and prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to time and place above named.

N. M. SENTER, *Moderator.*

JOHN REVES, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY.

The service of the day was opened by Elder L. Grimsley.

1. Wm. Hall, from Revelations 15th ch. and 3d verse: "Great and marvelous are thy works," &c. 2d. Wm. Wilcoxen, from the prophet Daniel, 2d ch. 44th verse: "In the days of these kings," &c. 3d. Joshua Long, St. Paul to Hebrews, 5th ch. and 9th verse: "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation," &c. 4th. George Douglas, from Revelations, 7th ch. 17th verse: "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the Throne, shall feed them, and lead them unto living fountains of water," &c.

Towards the close of the service of the day, the congregation seemed to be deeply affected; christians rejoicing, and sinners were made to cry out for mercy. We hope much and lasting good will be realized many days hence.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES,

Churches.	Counties.	Post Offices.	Ord. Pr's.	Licentiates.	Pastors.	Saturday's.	Delegates.	Baptized.	Rec. by Let.	Rec. by Rec.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributi's.
Silas Creek,	Ashe,	Helton,	1		Rezen Jones,	4	R. Jones, P. Roberts, Wm. Parsons,	8	3				5	53	$1.50
Boar Creek,	"	Sonth Fork,	1	1	David Howk,	1	David Houk,							45	50
Cranbnry,	"	Laurel Springs,	1		Tarlton Woody,	3	John Reves,		2				3	126	3.00
Sonth Fork,	"	Chesnut Hill,	1		Lowry Grimsley,	4	L. Grimsley, J. Gambill, N. Weaver,				2	1		49	2.00
Old Field,	"	Jefferson,			" "	4	Daniel D. Woodruff, Esquire Yates,				1		1	28	1.00
Big Helton,	"	Holton,	2		R Kilby, A Powers,	3	R. Kilby, A. Powers, J. Thompson,			2	3	1		88	1.50
Horse Creek,	"	Horse Creek,			R. Jones, R. Kilby,	1	N. Ward, Abe. Ham, John Ham,	25	5				1	96	2.00
Bethlehem,	"	Jefferson,			J. H. Vannoy,		N. B. Ballow, S. L. Weatherspoon,						1	13	1.00
Beaver Creek,	"	Beaver Creek,	1		J. H. Vannoy,	3	John H. Vannoy, Alex. Elrod,							51	1.75
North Fork,	"	Jefferson,			R. Jones,	2	Wm. Weaver, Solomon Ham,				2		1	37	1.50
New River,	"	Helton,			R. Jones,	1	E. Barker, J Stuart, Jo Bowldin,							37	1.25
Senter,	"	Nathan's Creek,	2		N. M. Senter,	2	N. M. Senter, A. McMillan, J. Koons,						1	66	3.00
								33	10	2	8	2	13	689	$20.00

MINUTES

OF THE

TWELTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Senter District Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH

HORSE CREEK CHURCH, ASHE COUNTY, N. C.,

On the 15th & 16th days of Sept., 1865.

According to appointment of last year, Elder M. N. Senter preached the introductory sermon from 2d Corinthians, 5th chapter and 20th verse.

Letters and delegates were received from all the churches in our Association.

The Association was called to order by Elder M. N. Senter, who conducted devotional exercises.

1st. Organized the Association by appointing Elder Resein Jones, Moderator, and brother J. B. Parsons, Clerk.

2d. Invited corresponding brethren from our sister Associations to seats with us, when Elder Charles Hopkins and brother A. J. Taylor, from Washington Association brought forward a letter and minutes, and Elder Joshua Long and brother John R. Long, from the Roaring River Association. came forward with a letter and no minutes. Elder Wm. B, Halsey, from the Mountain Association, came forward with a letter and no minutes, and Elder A. C. Farthing, from the Three Forks Association, came forward with a letter and

minutes. All of them were invited to seats in the Association, and came forward and received the right hand of fellowship, and aided us in council.

3d. Transient Ministers of our faith and order were invited to take seats with us, when Elder Pleasant A. Witt, from Chuckey Association, (from Tennessee,) and Elder B. C. Caudle, from New Salem Association, (Kentucky,) were invited, and accepted seats, and aided us in council.

4th. On motion, the Moderator was appointed to make all temporary appointments during our session.

5th. One Brother was appointed from each section, with the delegates from this Church, a committee to arrange the ministry during our session, who reported for Saturday: 1st, Elders P. A. Witt; 2d, B. C. Caudle; 3d, Joshua Long, and 4th, Wm. B. Halsey.

6th. The following brethren were appointed to write corresponding letters, as follows: Nathan Weaver, to the Roaring River Association; John A. Jones, to the Mountain Association; Elder John H. Vanoy, to the Three Forks Association, and Elder Wm. B. Burke to the Washington Association, all of which to be submitted for inspection on to-morrow.

7th. Elder P. B. Welch, Brother N. Weaver, Elder John H. Vanoy, Brother Alexander Eldrod, and Elder L. Grimsley, were appointed a Committee of Arrangement. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added to the Committee. Corresponding brethren were then invited to seats with the Committee.

8th. Prayer by Elder B. C. Caudle, and the Association adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, Septemper 16th.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. The Association then proceeded to business.

1st. Called the roll of delegates.

2d. The Committee of Arrangement reported and was discharged.

3d. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. The following Committee was appointed to appoint corresponding brethren to sister Associations, viz: Brothers John A. Jones, Thomas Day, and Edward Barker. They appointed the following Elders, viz: John Adams and Philip B. Welsh to the Mountain Association, and R. Jones and Andrew Powers to the Washington Association, and R. Kilbey and John H. Vanoy to the Three Forks Association, L. Grimsley and Jacob Koonce to the Roaring River Association.

5th. Appointed brothers Alexander Eldrod, Nathan Weaver and Peter McNeel, a Committee of Finance, and that they call upon the Treasurer, who reports as follows: Received in contributions from all the Churches $20. The Committee was then discharged.

6th. Called on brethren who were appointed messengers last year to sister Associations, to report; who reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

7th. The union meetings were left discretionary with each Church to adopt their own method in regard to them.

8th. Called on the four brethren who were appointed last year to visit all the Churches in our Association bound, who reported and were discharged.

9th. Called on all the Ministry to report the amount of the last year's labor, who reported and were discharged.

10th. The Committee appointed to assign Ministers for the Sabbath, reports as follows: 1st, Elder Wm. B. Halsey; 2d, A. C. Farthing; 3d, C. Hopkins. and 4th, Joshua Long. The Committee were then discharged.

11th. Then the question came up from Senter Church: Is it right for Church members to join any secret institutions of the day? The Association agreed to say to the different Churches, that notwithstanding Church members may be accused of having joined secret institutions, yet, if they are not guilty of any immoral conduct, that we had better let them alone and try to live in union.

12th. The request of Grassy Creek Church came up, ask-

ing the Association to have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed and annexed to the Minutes.

On motion it was agreed that the Moderator and Clerk be requested to prepare them for publication and have them printed.

13th. Then appointed the next Association to be held with the South Fork Church, Ashe County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1866; Elder John H. Vanoy to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder R. Kilbey his alternate.

14th. The Clerk was appointed Treasurer and to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and to have four hundred copies printed and distributed as heretofore.

15th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during our session.

16th. After prayer by Elder A. C. Farthing, adjourned to time and place as above mentioned.

REASIN JONES, *Moderator.*

JOSEPH B. PARSONS, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

ART. 2d. Who on producing letters from their respective Churches, certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to their seats. Each Church shall be entitled to three Delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded and dead since the last Association.

ART. 3d. The number thus chosen and convened, shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the Churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any Church in the Union.

Art. 4th. The Association shall oe governed by a regular Decorum.

Art. 5th. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who snall be chosen only by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6th. New Churches, or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, of our Faith and Order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our Union.

Art. 7th. Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Art. 8th. Every query, first being debated in the Church and then presented in the Association, shall be read and debated, and answered, unless it be withdrawn by the member who presented it.

Art. 9th. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideraiion of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10th. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with the Minutes of their proceedings. The best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

Art. 11th. We think it necessary to have an Association Fund to defray the expenscs of the same; and it is the duty of each Church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

Art. 12th. There shall be an Association Book, wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation for his services.

Art. 13th. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if needs be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

Art. 14th. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Associ-

ation, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the Churches twelve months notice.

Art. 15th. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of the Churches—to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion amongst the Churches--to give the Church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

Art. 16th. To inquire into the cause, if any Church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

Art. 17th. To appropriate those moneys contributed by the Churches for an Association Fund, to any purpose they may think proper.

Art. 18th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

Art. 19th. The Association may correspond with sister Associations.

Art. 20th. To invite any distant brother in the Ministry, of our Faith and Order, to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of their sitting.

Art. 21st. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think proper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2d. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3d. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4th. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5th. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise

reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or ideas.

6th. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7th. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8th. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9th. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but the title of Brother.

10th. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of this Decorum.

11th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the Chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13th. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Churches.	County.	Post Office.	Pastors.	Ord. Preach'rs	Licentiate.	Ch. Meetings.	Delegates.	Baptised,	Restored,	Rec. by Letter,	Dis. by Letter,	Excluded,	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions.
South Fork,	Ashe,	Chestnut Hill,	L. Grimsley,	1		4th,	L. Grimsley, J. Gambill and N. Weaver,				3		4	42	$ 1 50
Senter,	"	Nathan's Creek,	N. M. Senter,	2		2d,	N. M. Senter, J. Koonce and A. Dickson,					4		54	1 85
Bethlehem,	"	Weaver's Ford,	John Adams,		1	1st,	B. M. Weaver and Thos. Day,	3		1			1	17	1 00
Old Field,	"	Jefferson,					Squire Yates,					1	2	24	1 00
Silas' Creek,	"	Helton,	A. Powers, R. Jones and B. B. Welch,	3		4th,	R. Jones, A. Powers and B. B. Welch,	2			1	2		93	2 00
Big Helton,	"	Helton,	R. Kilbey,	1		3rd,	R. Kilbey, J. Weaver and Thos. Price,					1	3	82	1 50
Grassy Creek,	"	Weaver's Ford,	John Adams,	2		2d,	J. Adams, W. E. Burke, J. B. Parsons,			1			1	40	2 30
New River,	"	Helton,	A. Powers, R. Jones,			1st,	E. Barker, J. Eller and J. R Baldwin,	2		1				38	1 35
Horse Creek,	"	Helton,	R. Kilbey,			1st,	Wm. Taylor, Jno. Ham and N. Ward,						3	83	1 50
North Fork,	"	Horse Creek,	R. Jones,			2d,	Sol. Ham, J. Richardson and E. Miller,							28	1 00
Beaver Creek,	"	Jefferson,	Jno. H. Vannoy,	1		3rd,	J. H. Vannoy, A. Elrod and P. McNell,		1					58	50
Cranberry,	"	Laurel Spring,	T. Woody,	1		3rd,	T. Woody, J. A. Jones and D. Jones,				1	2	2	95	3 00
Bear Creek,	"	Jefferson,				1st,	John Weiller,	1					1	35	1 50

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SENTER DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Big Helton Church, Ashe County, N. C.,

September 18th and 19th, 1868.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. J. KOONS, according to last year's arrangement, from Luke 1st chapter, 33d verse: "And he shall reign over the house of Jacob," &c.

1st. Organized the Association by appointing Eld JOHN H. VANNOY, *Moderator*, and br. Wm. B. REVES, *Clerk*.

2nd. Called for Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations, when Eld. D. C. Harmon and br. John S. Adams, from the Three Fork; Eld. Charles Hopkins and br. Solomon Collins from the Washington; Br. M. F. Joines from the Roaring River; Eld. E. Reves and br. Robt. Gambill, from the Mountain; all of whom were gladly received and the hand of fellowship given. They seated and aided us in council.

3d. Invited transient brethren of our faith and order to a seat with us, when Elder B. E. Caudill, from the Mountain Association, accepted and aided in council.

4th. On motion, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during our session.

5th. Appointed br. Daniel C. Jones, Newel Stuart and Peter McNeel, with the delegation from this church, a committee to arrange the ministry during our session.

6th. The Committee reports for Saturday: 1st, br. S. Collins; 2nd, Elder E. Reves; 3rd, Elder D. C. Harmon; 4th, Elder B. E. Caudill.

7th. Appointed A. McMillan, John Reves and E. Barker, a Committee to appoint corresponding messengers to sister Associations, who reported thus: To the Three Forks, br. Peter McNeel and Andrew Dixon. To Roaring River, Elder J. H. Vannoy and brn. A. Elrod and Wilborn Lyall. To the Washington, Elder R. Kilby and br. John Eldrith. To the Mountain, br. A. J. Taylor and Wm. B. Reves.

8th. Appointed brethren, as follows, to write letters to sister Associations: John Eldrith to the Roaring River; Andrew Baker to the Mountain; Wilborn Lyall to the Washington, and Peter McNeel to the Three Forks;—and have them ready for inspection by to-morrow.

9th. Appointed R. Kilby, A. Elrod, A. McMillan, J. Reves, J. Eldrith, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements, and invited corresponding brethren to sit with them.

10th. Prayer by Elder B. E. Caudill. Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, September 19th, 1868.

1st. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Charles Hopkins.

2nd. Called on the Committee of Arrangements to report;—the report received and the Committee discharged.

3rd. Called for the roll of delegates.

4th. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

5th. Appointed A. McMillan, N. Stuart and Peter McNeel, a Committee of Finance; and that they call on the Treasurer of last year, who reports thus:

Received in contribution from the churches, $16 10. Due the Treasurer of last year, $4 65; leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, $11 35,—and the Committee discharged.

6th. Called on the brethren who were appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations last year, to report:—The report received and the brethren discharged.

7th. Called on the brethren who were appointed to attend Union Meetings to report; The report received and the brethren discharged.

8th. Appointed a Union meeting with the Beaver Creek church, beginning Friday before the 3rd Saturday in June next.—Elders J. Koons, R. Kilby and br. Joseph Baldwin to attend. One with the New River Church, commencing Friday before the 1st Saturday in August next.—Elders J. H. Vannoy, J. Koons, R. Kilby and br. A. J. Taylor, to attend. One with

the Horse Creek Church, commencing Friday before the 1st Saturday in July next.—Elders R. Kilby, J. H. Vannoy, J. Koons and br. Jos. Baldwin to attend.

9th. Took into consideration the Preamble and Resolutions of the Senter Convention. And as there seems to be some dissatisfaction on the Preamble and Resolutions adopted by the Senter Convention,—while we approve them, yet we are willing to pass them by for future consideration; and advise our churches to use strictly our Articles of Faith, which are the scriptures of the Old and New Testament. We, therefore, refer for coroberation to our sister corresponding Associations their consideration and action.

10th. Called on the brethren who were appointed to write corresponding letters to sister Associations, to read them. Letters read and received and the brethren discharged.

11th. Appointed a Committee consisting of D. C. Jones, Peter McNeel and Wilborn Lyall, to appoint a Presbytery whose duty it is to enquire into the cause of churches failing to represent themselves to this Association. Appointed Elders J. H. Vannoy, R. Kilby, J. Koons and brn. A. McMillan and A. Elrod, the Presbytery, and that they report to our next Association.

12th. The Committee who were appointed to assign preaching, reports for Sabbath: 1st, Elder C. Hopkins, 2nd, Elder E. Reves, 3rd, Elder B. E. Caudill, 4th, Elder J. H. Vannoy.

13th. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Cranberry Church, Alleghany county, N. C., commencing Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1869. Elder J. H. Vannoy appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and R. Kilby his alternate.

14th. Appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and have 300 copies struck and distributed as usual.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity for their kindness to us during our meeting.

16th. Adjourned to time and place above stated. Prayer by Elder B. E. Caudill.

JOHN H. VANNOY, *Moderator.*

WILLIAM B. REVES, *Clerk.*

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Post Offices.	DELEGATES NAMES.	Saturdays.	PASTORS.	Ord Preach	Licentiates	Baptized...	Rec. by Let	Restored...	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased...	Total.....	Contribu's $ c
Bear Creek,	Ashe,	Jefferson,	Wilborn Lyall,	2			1	4	1		3	3		61	80
Beaver Creek,	do	Jefferson,	J.H.Vannoy, A Elrod, P McNeel,	3	J. H. Vannoy,	1			2		1	1	1	44	2 00
Senter,	do	Jefferson,	J. Koons A. McMillan, A. Dixon,	1	J. Koons,	1	1	1	5	1	2	1	1	52	3 00
Cranberry,	Alleghany,	Laurel Spring,	J. Reves, D. C. Jones, W.B.Reves,	3	J. Long,	1		3	4		5	5		83	3 00
Silas Creek,	Ashe,	Helton,	N. Stuart, J. Stuart, F. Plummer,	2	R. Kilby,			1		1		50		20	1 00
Bethlehem,	do	Helton,	J. M. Privitt, Andrew Baker,	4	do			4	2	1	2			22	70
North Fork,	do	Horse Creek,	S. Ham, Eli Miller,	2	do						2	9	1	17	60
Horse Creek,	do	Horse Creek,	Wm. Taylor, John Eldrith,	1	do		1	18	6	3	2	19		86	2 00
Big Helton,	do	Helton,	R. Kilby, N. Kilby, R. Dolinger	3	do	1		14	3		4	12	3	73	2 00
New River,	do	Helton,	E. Barker, J. R. Baldwin J. Stuart	1	J. R. Baldwin		1					14		18	1 00
						4	4	45	23	6	21	114	6	476	16 10

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Senter District Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH BEAVER CREEK CHURCH,

ASHE COUNTY, N. C.,

September the 16th and 17th days, 1870.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Joseph Baldwin, according to last years arrangements, from the 11th Chapter, and a part of the 6th verse of Hebrews. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him," &c.

After a short intermission, the delegates assembled in the Church house, and was brought to order by singing and prayer by Elder B. E. Caudill.

1st. Received and read letters from all the Churches in our Union, from which the annexed table was prepared.

2d. Organized the Association by appointing Elder John H. Vannoy Moderator, and brother Wm. B. Reves, Clerk.

3d. Called for Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations, when the following came forward, viz: Elders B. E. Caudill and Wm. B. Halsey, from the Mountain; Elder Wm. Hall, from the Roaring-River; Elder Wm. M. Baldwin and brother John S. Howell, from the Three-Fork; all of whom produced a letter and file of minutes, except Roaring River, a letter, but no minutes. Also, received a letter and parcel of minutes from the Washington Association by the hand of Elder R. Kilby.

4th. Invited transient preachers of our faith and order to seats with us, when brother Fowler, from the Senter, accepted and seated with us.

5th. On motion, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during our session.

6th. On motion, brother A. McMillan and John Reves was invited to a seat with us; they accepted, and seated with us.

7th. Appointed brother A. McMillan and N. Stuart, with the delegation from this Church, a Committee to arrange the ministry during our session, who reports for Saturday:

1st, Elder Wm. Hall; 2nd, Elder Wm. B. Halsey; 3rd, Elder B. E. Caudill. For Sabbath, 1st, Elder Wm. B. Halsey; 2d, Elder Wm. Hall; 3d, Elder B. E. Caudill.

8th. Appointed brethren to write corresponding letters to sister Associations, viz: Brother A. J. Taylor, to Three Fork; John Eldrith, to Roaring River; E. Barker, to the Mountain; and Sol. Ham, to the Washington, and have them ready for inspection by to-morrow.

9th. Appointed brother A. McMillan, N. Stuart and A. Elrod a Committee to select Correspondents to sister Associations, who makes the following report: To the Washington, Elder R. Kilby, brother J. Eldrith; to the Mountain, Elder J. Koons, brother A. J. Taylor; to Roaring River, Elder J. H. Vannoy, brother Wm. B. Reves; to Three Fork, Elders J. H. Vannoy and Joseph Baldwin.

10th. Appointed Elders R. Kilby, Joseph Baldwin, J. Koons, brother A. McMillan and J. W. Hardin, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee to arrange the business of the Association; also, corresponding brethren invited to sit with them.

11th. Prayer by Elder Wm. Hall. Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1870.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Wm. B. Halsey.

1st. Called the roll of Delegates.

2d. Called on the Committee of arrangements for their report. The report received and the Committee discharged.

3rd. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. Appointed brethren A. McMillan, Wm. A. Stuart and Jas. Gambill a Committee of Finance, who reports they received, in contribution

from the Churches $24.15, from Treasurer of last year $1 25. Total amount $25 40. Left in the hands of Treasurer $8.50, allowed the Clerk for services $3.00, distributed to correspondents $13.90, and discharged the Committee.

5th. Corresponding messengers were called on to report. The report received and they discharged.

6th. Called on brethren that was appointed to attend Union meetings. The report received and the brethren discharged.

7th. Appointed Union meetings as follows, viz: One with Horse Creek Church, commencing Friday before the 4th Saturday in July next, Elder J. H. Vannoy and R. Kilby to attend; one with Big Helton Church, commencing Friday before the 3rd Saturday in July: Elder J. H. Vannoy, brother A. J. Taylor to attend; one with Roan's Creek Church, commencing Friday before the 4th Saturday in May, Elders J. H Vannoy and Joseph Baldwin to attend, one with South Fork Church, commencing Friday before the 2d Saturday in July, Elders J. H. Vannoy and R. Kilby to attend.

8th. Called on the brethren that was appointed to write corresponding letters to read them. Letters read, received, and the brethren discharged.

9th. In answer to the request from South Fork Church; we, the Association, say to you, brethren by way of advice, to use all Christian means, to get at least to transcribe the records of the Old Church book. Then if kind, gentle and Christian means should fail, then the law is open for you to take other steps in the matter.

10th. In answer to the article on our last year's minutes, we, the Senter Association, say that we do permanently adopt the following resolution, to govern us in the future, viz:

Resolved, That as Old School Baptist, we shall have no connection with nor fellowship for any modern religious institution called benevolent, such as Missionary Societies, Sunday School Unions, Tracts, or other Societies unauthorized by the word of God. And we say to our Sister Corresponding Associations that have united with the institutions of the day, that our Correspondence here drops, and will not be renewed only on the above basis.

11th, Appointed our next Association to be held with the Silas Creek Church, Ashe county, N. C., to commence Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1871. Elder R Kilby to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. Koons, his alternate.

12th. Appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and ordered him to have 400 copies of the Minutes printed, and distribute them as usual.

13th, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity for their kindness to us during our session.

14th. Adjourned to time and place above stated. Prayer by Elder B. E. Caudill.

JOHN H. VANNOY, *Moderator*,

WM. B. REVES, *Clerk*.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Churches.	County.	Post Office.	Delegates Names.	Saturdays.	Pastors.	Ord. Preachers.	Licenciates.	Baptised.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions.
Bear Creek,	Ashe,	Jefferson,	H. Dillard, James Parson,	2nd,			1	1			4	1	1	57	$ 95
Beaver Creek	"	Jefferson,	J. H. Vannoy, J. W. Hardin, A. Elrod	3rd,	J H Vannoy,	1			1		2			49	2 15
Senter,	"	Nathan's Creek	J. Koons, A. Dixon, J. B. McMillian,	1st,	J. Koons,	1		68	6	2	2	1	3	132	3 80
Cranbury,	Alleghany,	Laurel Springs.	A. J. Taylor, J H Doughten, W B Reves,	3rd,	J. Long,	2	1	35	4	12	5	2	1	127	4 00
Silas Creek,	Ashe,	Helton,	N. Stuart, W. A. Stuart, J. Stuart,	2nd,	R. Kilby,			2			1			30	2 50
North Fork,	"	Horse Creek,	Eli Miller, Solomon Ham,	2nd,										17	50
Horse Creek,	"	Horse Creek,	John Stansbury, A. Ham, J. Eldrith,	4th,	R. Kilby,			1			3		1	83	3 00
Big Helton,	"	Helton,	R. Kilby, T. Kilby, J. R. Baldwin,	3rd,	R. Kilby,	2		2	8	1		1	1	88	2 00
New River,	"	Helton,	Jesse Watkins, J. Stuart, E. Barker,	1st,	R. Kilby,			16	6	1	1	1		39	2 00
Bonn's Creek	"	Jefferson,	Jno. Wagoner, Martin Owins, J B Sheets,	4th,				11	3					26	1 50
South Fork,	"	Mouth Wilson,	Jas. Gambill, N. Weaver, A. Waddle,	2nd,				1	5				1	21	1 75
						6	2	137	33	16	18	6	8	669	24 15

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighteenth Annual Session

OF THE

SENTER DISTRICT

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED WITH THE

SILAS CREEK CHURCH,

Ashe County, N. C.,

September the 15th and 16th, A. D. 1871.

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MINUTES

FRIDAY, September 15th

The Introductory Surmon was delivered by Elder N. M. Senter, from the xx chapter and 28th vers of the Acts of the Apostles, "Take heed therefore unto yourself, and to all the flock over thee which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseer," &c.

After a short intermission the Delegates assembled in the church house, and was brought to order by singing and prayer by Elder B. E. Caudill.

1st. Received and read letters from all the Churches in our union except North Fork.

2nd. Organized the Association by appointing Elder John H. Vannoy, Moderator and brother Wm. B. Reeves, Clerk.

3rd. Called for correspondence from Sister Association, when the following came forward, viz: from the Mountain, brother W. P. Goins; from the Washington, Elder Charles Hopkins and bro. Reuben Widener; from Roaring River Elders Joshua Long and James Shumate. All of whom produced letters and minutes, took seats and aided in council.

Also a letter by the hand of brother P. McNeil, from the Three Fork Association, but no delegate. Which letter was refered to the Committee of Arrangements for consideration.

4th. Invitated transient Ministers of our faith and order to seats with us. Elder B. E. Caudill, from the Mountain accepted, seated and aided in Council. Bro. Fowler, from the Senter, accepted, and seated with us. Also extended the invitation to brother A. McMillan and Joel Kirby, who accepted, seated with us and aided in council.

5th. On motion the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during our session.

6th. Appointed brother A. Dixon and John Waggoner, with the delegates from this church, a committee to arrange the Ministry during the session, who reported for Saturday, 1st Elder Charles Hopkins; 2nd Elder James Shumate; 3rd Elder Joshua Long and 4th B. E. Caudill.

For Sabbath—1st Elder Joshua Long; 2nd Elder N. M. Senter and 3rd Elder B. E. Caudill.

7th. Appointed the following brethern to write corresponding letters to sister associations, viz., A. J. Taylor, to roaring river Peter McNeil, to the mountain, John Eldrith, to the Washington; and N. M. Senter, to three fork, and have them ready for inspection by to-morrow.

8th. Appointed brethern A. McMillan, E. Barker, Martin Owens a committee to select correspondents to sister associations, who make the following report To Roaring river Elder J. H. Vannoy, N. M. Senter and J. Koons. To the Mountain Elder J. H. Vannoy, brother A. J. Taylor, to the Washington; Elder R. Kilby and J. R. Baldwin, to three Fork; Elders J. H. Vannoy, N. M. Senter, brothers A. J. Taylor and Wm. B. Reeves.

9th. Appointed Elders N. M. Senter J. Koons. Brethern Newel Stewart, John Eldrith and Abraham Ham with the Moderator and Clerk a committee to arrange the business of the Association, also transient ministers and corresponding brethern invited to sit with them.

10th. On motion the committee of arrangements was clothed with authority to bring to the notice of the Association anything that they in their judgement

think is calculated to disturb or mar the peace of our union.

11th. Prayer by Elder Joshua Long, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, September 16th.

Met pursuant to adjourment.

Prayer by Elder N. M. Senter.

1st. Called the roll of delegates.

2nd. Called on the Committee of arrangements to report. The report received and the committee discharged.

3rd. Read the constitution and rules of decorum.

4th. Appointed brethern James Gambrill, Newart Stewart and Peter McNeil, a committee of finance who reports that they received in contribution from the churches $22 48 left in the hands of Treasurer $10.00 to pay for printing minutes allowed the clerk $3.00 for services distributed to correspondents $9 48 and discharged the committee.

Called on corresponding bretheren to report. The report received and the bretheren discharged.

6th. Called on the bretheren that was appointed to write corresponding letter to read them. Letters read and the bretheren discharged.

7th. Called on the bretheren that was appointed to attend union meetings to report. The report received and the bretheren discharged.

8th. We as an advising council do say to our churches to strictly enforce the non-fellowship resolutions, so far as it comforts with the laws of Zion, viz, the old and the new Testament Scriptures.

9th. We say to the churches in our union to suddenly lay hands on no man.

10th. Appointed Elder N. M. Senter, bretheren A. J. Taylor, A. McMillan, and Wm. A Stuart, with the clerk to prepare a circular letter and have it attached to the minutes.

11th. Appointed our next association to be held with the senter church Ashe Co. N. C. to commence Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in September 1872. Elder John H. Vannoy appointed to preach the introductory sermon. Elder R. Kilby alternate.

12th. Appointed the clerk treasurer and to superintend printing the minutes and have 4 [illegible] copies printed and distributed as heretofore.

13th. Resolved that the thanks of this association be tendered to the brethern and citizens of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during our session.

Admonition and prayer by the moderator. Adjourned to the time and place of our next association.

W. B. REEVES
Clerk.

JOHN H. VANNOY
Moderator

SABBATH,

The stand was occupied by those appointed. 1st, Elder Joshua Long, from Paul's letter to the Romans 9th chapt. 16th verse. "So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy. 2nd Elder, N. M. Senter, from the 10th chapter and a portion of the 10th verse of mathew. Neither two coats neither shoes &c. 3rd, Eld B. B. Caudill, from the 40th Psalm and latter clause of 2nd Verse. "And he set my feet upon a rock and established my goings." Thus ends one of the most harmonious sessions of the Senter District Baptist Associations that it has ever been our happy lot to witness From the good attention manifested among the people we hope the word was not preached in vain.

Let us commit ourselves eternally to Him who is our righteousness, our strength and our all in all.

W. B. REEVES
Clerk.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES NAMES.	Saturday	PASTORS.	Ordained Preachers.	Licentiates.	Baptised.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions.
			Wesley Dillard.	2										37	$0 75
Bear Creek,	Ashe.	Jefferson,													
Beaver Creek	do	do	J. H. Vannoy and Peter McNeil	1	J. H. Vannoy,	1							1	48	2 00
Senter,	do	Nathans Crk	N. M. Senter, J. Koons and A. Dixon.	3	N. M. Senter & J. Koons	2	1		3	1			2	118	2 98
Cranbury.	Alleghany,	Laurel Sps.	A. J. Taylor, B. Y. Martin and Wm. Reaves	3	Joshua Long.									129	3 75
Silas Creek,	Ashe	Helton,	Newel Stuart, E. Francis and W. A. Stuart	2	Kilby, Baldwin, Vannoy									30	2 50
Horse Creek,	do	Horse Crk.,	John Eldrith and Abraham Ham.	4	R. Kilby.								2	81	3 00
Big Helton,	do	Helton	R Kilby, J. R. Baldwin, and Jason Weaver	3	R. Kilby.	2		7	3	1	8	23		83	3 00
New River,	do	do	Jessee Watkins, Joseph Stuart, E. Barker	1	Kilby and Baldwin.			2	1				3	40	1 50
South Fork,	do	Mouth of W	James Gambill and A. Waddle.	2									1	20	1 50
Roans Creek.	do	Jefferson	J. H. Waggoner, J. B. Sheets and M Owens	4	Vannoy and Koons.								2	25	1 50

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SENTER DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED WITH THE

Senter Church, Ashe Co., N. C.

FRIDAY, September 13th, 1872.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Wm. Lundy, from the 6th chap. and 16th verse of Jeremiah. "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the paths," &c.

After a short intermission the Delegates assembled in the Church house, and were brought to order by singing and prayer by Elder N. M. Senter.

1st. Received and read Letters from all the Churches in our Union.

2nd. Organized the Association by appointing Elder N. M. Senter, Moderator; and brother Wm. B. Reves, Clerk.

3rd. On motion, Elder J. Koonse asked leave to withdraw himself from the body, which was granted to him, and brother J. B. McMillan was installed in his place.

4th. Called for Correspondents from sister Associations, when the following came forward, viz: From Roaring River, Elder Wm. Hall, brothers Hardin Spicer and J. S. Owens, with a Letter and Minutes; from the Mountain, Elders Wm. Hawkins and A. M. Branscomb; from the Washington, a Letter and Minutes, but no Delegate; all of

whom were received and the hand of fellowship given them, they were seated and aided in counsel.

5th. Invited transient Ministers of our Faith and Order to seats with us, when the following came forward, viz: Elders Wm. Lundy and B. E. Caudill, from the Mountain; also John Miller, from Georgia, accepted a seat. Extended the invitation to brothers A. McMillan and John Reves, all of whom took seats and aided in counsel.

6th. On motion, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during our session.

7th. Appointed brothers John Eldrith and John H. Wagoner with the Delegates from this Church, a Committee to arrange the ministry during the session, who made the following report: For Saturday, 1st, brother J. Miller; 2nd, Elder A. M. Branscomb; 3rd, Wm. Hawkins; 4th, B. E. Caudill. For Sabbath, 1st, Elder Wm. Hall; 2nd, Elder Wm. Lundy; 3rd, Elder B. E. Caudill.

8th. Appointed the following brethren to write Corresponding Letters to sister Associations, viz: A. J. Taylor to Roaring River, T. Woody to the Mountain, and Nathan Weaver to the Washington.

9th. Appointed A. McMillan, Newell Stuart and Abram Ham, a Committee to select Correspondents to sister Associations, who made the following report: To the Mountain, Elder N. M. Senter and bro. A. J. Taylor. to Roaring River, Elder J. H. Vannoy and bro. Wm. B. Reves; to the Washington, Elders R. Kilby and J. R. Baldwin.

10th. Appointed J. H. Vannoy, Newell Stuart, A. J. Taylor, John Eldrith and Reuben Kilby, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee to arrange the business of the Association; Corresponding brethren and transient Ministers invited to sit with them.

11th. Prayer by Elder B. E. Caudill. Adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14th, 1872.

Met pursuant to adjournment; Prayer by the Moderator.

1st. Called the roll of Delegates.

2nd. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report: the Report received and the Committee discharged.

3rd. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. Appointed brethren Newell Stuart, Peter McNeil and E. Barker, a Committee of Finance, who made the following report: Received in contribution from the Churches, $20.23; from Treasurer of last year, $1.00; total, $21.23; left in the hands of the Treasurer, $8.00; allowed the Clerk $3.00 for services; distributed to Correspondents, $10.23, and discharged the Committee.

5th. Called on Corresponding brethren to report; the Report received and the brethren discharged.

6th. Called on brethren that were appointed to write Corresponding Letters. to read them; Letters read and the brethren discharged.

7th. We say to the Churches that want Union Meetings, to appoint them at such times and places as they wish, and invite such Ministers as they wish to attend them.

8th. In answer to the Cranbury Church, asking us to explain or define our position upon the non-fellowship?

Resolution, We mean simply to say, that we have no fellowship for anything that is not authorized by the Word of God.

9th. We, the Senter Association, refer to the Mountain Old School Baptist Association, our mother, the propriety of adopting the original Article of Faith.

10th. Appointed brethren James Gambill, A. Elrod and Newell Stuart, a Committee to appoint a Presbytry, consisting of three Elders or brethren, to look after destitute churches and members that have no remedies, and report to the next Association. The following were appointed, viz: Elders R. Kilby, J. R. Baldwin and J. H. Vannoy.

11th. We say to the churches in our Union to consider the propriety of consolidating with the Mountain Association and report to our next Association in your Letters.

12th. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Roan's Creek Church, Ashe county, N. C., to commence Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1873; Elder R. Kilby to preach the Introductory Sermon; J. R. Baldwin, alternate.

13th. Appointed the Clerk, Treasurer, and to superintend printing the Minutes, and have 400 copies struck and distributed as usual.

14th. *Resolved*; That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality towards us during our session.

Admonition by the Moderator; Prayer by Elder Wm. Lundy; adjourned to the time and place of our next Association.

N. M. SENTER, MODERATOR.

WM. B. REVES, CLERK.

SABBATH.

The brethren appointed to preach on Sunday, preached in the order of their names, to a very large and well ordered congregation. 1st, Elder Wm. Hall, from the Acts of the Apostles, 8th chap., 33, 34 and 35 verses; 2nd, Wm. Lundy, from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 12th chap., 18, 19 and 20 verses; 3rd, B. E. Candill, from 20th chap. and latter clause of the 6th verse of Matthew. All seemed to preach with the spirit, and we hope their labor was not in vain.

CLERK.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Churches.	County.	Post-Offices.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Saturdays.	PASTORS.	Ordained Preachers.	Licentiates.	Baptized.	Received by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Number.	Contributions.
Beaver Creek,	Ashe,	Jefferson,	J. H. Vannoy, P. McNeil, A. Elrod,	3	J. H. Vannoy,	1			2			1		49	198
Bear Creek,	"	"	Wesley Dillard, Jesse Dillard,	2		0			1					35	100
Senter.	"	Nathan's Creek,	N. M. Senter, A. Dixon, J. B. McMillan,	1	Senter and Koonse,	2			1	1	2	3	1	107	310
Cranbury,	Alleghany,	Laurel Springs,	T. Woody, A. J. Taylor, Wm. B. Reves,	3	J. Long,	2	01	1	1		1	3	1	126	400
Silers Creek,	Ashe,	Helton,	N. Stuart, J. R. Stuart, Wm. A. Stuart,	2	Killby, Baldwin, Vannoy,	0			2					32	150
Horse Creek,	"	Horse Creek,	John Eldrith, Abram Ham,	4	R. Killby,	0		1		1	5	5		72	205
Big Helton,	"	Helton,	R. Killby, J. R. Baldwin, Jason Weaver,	3	"	2					1			82	200
New River,	"	Jefferson,	E. Barker, J. Stuart,	1	J. H. Vannoy,	0					2	1		30	100
South Fork,	"	Scottsville,	Jas. Gambill, N. Weaver, A. Waddle,	2		0								17	150
Roans Creek,	"	Jefferson,	J. B. Sheets, M. Owens, J. H. Wagoner,	4	Vannoy and Koonse,	0		4	5		3			34	150
North Fork,	"	Horse Creek,	Solomon Ham.	1		0						2		14	60
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